ting patent rights to seed manufacturers in this and any other sectors?

श्री बलराम जाखड़: पेटेंट के मुताल्लिक तो पालिसी के, नीति के आधार पर ही मैं कह पाऊंगा लेकिन दूसरी बात जो है, उसके लिए हमने ओ०जी०एल० में रखा हुआ है । अच्छे बीज हैं लेकिन क्वालिटी कंट्रोल हमने रखा हुआ है । बीज आता है तो उसको क्वेरेंटाईन करते हैं । मान लीजिए बीज आ जाए, पौधा भी बन जाए लेकिन तबाह न हो इसलिए उसको केवेरेंटाईन करते हैं ।

श्री यशवन्त सिन्हा: पालिसी की बात दूसरी है लेकिन मैं जानना चाहता हूं कि आज के दिन तक आपके पास फॉरेन कौलोबोरेशन के साथ बीज बनाने के लिए कितनी कंपनियां हैं ?

श्री बलराम जाखड़: यह मैं आपको इत्तिला दे दूंगा । हमारे पास कुछ कंपनियां हैं जो बीज भी भेजती हैं, पौधे भी भेजती हैं । Twenty companies have foreign collaborations at this time.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Do any of them have patent rights for the seeds that they are manufacturing?

SHRI BALRAM JAKHAR: I can tell you that after ascertaining the facts because it is not to my knowledge so far.

श्री भूपेन्द्र सिंह मान: इसी सवाल से जुड़ी हुई एक बात जो देश के लिए समस्या बनी हुई है वह यह है कि बाहर से सीड स्मगल हो रहे हैं ।

श्री सभापति : एक सवाल में 30 मिनट हो गए, आप चाहें तो फिर एक ही सवाल रखा जाएगा ।

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†This question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Ranjit Singh.

Setting up of a Housing Board for Delhi

*222. SHRI RANJIT SINGH:†
DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to set up a new Housing Board and transfer to it the work regarding construction of residential units presently being done by Delhi Development Authority and also to cover the shortfall in the construction of residential units within a specified time limit; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and by when it is likely to start functioning?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The matter is under active consideration. A decision will be taken very early after reconciling all administrative matters.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister has replied that the Government is going to take a decision and even the Lt. Governor of Delhi has announced that they are going to propose a new Housing Board scheme. My question is, the Delhi Development Authority has constructed 8,800 houses in the last five years against a promised figure of 25,000 houses. The number of registrants is increasing every year. The backlog figures are rising rapidly and scores of Group Housing Societies are still waiting to get a clearance from the DDA. The number of those people who have registered themselves with the DDA is rising at an alarming rate. According to figures available, there are 1,56,524 registrants in various categories all over the capital. In Rohini itself, there are 41,176 people on the waiting list. According to the people who have been handed, out the

8,800 houses a number of them have been handed over incomplete. Till date, 1,400 group housing societies are waiting for allotment of land. Will the hon. Minister tell us by what time this Housing Board will be constituted because if we see the figures and details, we find that the Government is not able to complete 10 to 15 per cent of the houses? How much time will it take?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): Sir, now a Weaker Section Housing and Slum Improvement Board is proposed to be set up to cater to the needs of the people and it is going to confine itself to that area only. The funds for this will come from plan provisions and allocation of shelter funds. It will be set up under the amended provisions of the Urban Land Ceiling Act. There will be voluntary deposits from the scheme of National Savings. This is how it is going to help the poorer sections of the society.

Now as is mentioned by the hon. Member that there are so many houses that have come up for construction and more need to be done, I would like to give you the figures of registrants with the DDA which has drawn up a perspective plan for the next four years and the houses to be constructed in 1991-92 are 19,000, 1992-93 26,000, 1993-94 26,500 and 1994-95 26,000. A total of 1,07,500 houses will be constructed. During this period 15,000 flats were allotted and 16,000 flats are expected to be completed. As you have just mentioned there are 1,400 group housing societies for which land will be given in due course. As you have also mentioned, there are some under the Rohini Residential Scheme. Ten thousand more plots are expected to be allotted during the current year, We are in the process of building the houses. Under the scheme of setting up a new Housing Board, we have got some new ideas. There are at present 49,000 registrants with the DDA and 37,000 of them belong to the Janata category. Now the Janata category will be looked after by the Slum Board and the rest will be looked after by the DDA. Now the DDA will be allowed to take up the responsibility for construction of houses to exhaust the list of the pending registrants.

WELCOME TO PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION FROM JORDAN

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I have an announcement to make:-

We have with us, seated in the Special Box, Members of a Parliamentary Delegation from Jordan which is currently on a visit to our country under the distinguished leadership of His Excellency Dr. Sa'ad Botross Haddaddin, Deputy of the Majlis Al-Nuwaab of Jordan.

On behalf of the Members of the House on my own behalf, I take pleasure in extending a very hearty welcome to the Leader and other Members of the Delegation and wish our distinguished guests a very enjoyable and fruitful stay in our country. We hope that during their stay here they would be able to see and learn more about our parliamentary system, our country and our people and their visit to this country will further strengthen the friendly bonds that exist between us. Through them we convey our greetings and best wishes to the Members of the Majlis Al-Umma and the friendly people of Jordan.

RAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONE— Contd.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the Minister has already admitted that there are more applicants than the houses they allot and every this goes on increasing. Whenever this question is put they give

a routine general reply. A memorandum was submitted by the engineers, who are in their thousands in the DDA service, to the Minister expressing their insecurity.

They are not given any work. Let me quote from a statement in a newspaper:

"The failure of the DDA on the housing front with only 8,800 houses constructed against the target of 25,000 in the course of the last five years has been highlighted in a memorandum submitted by the DDA Engineers Association to Union Urban Development Minister, Mrs. Sheila Kaul. There were about 1,56,524 people registered in various categories all over the capital. In Rohini itself, there are 41,176 applicants who have been wait-listed, the Association pointed out. Even some of the houses which had been allotted are incomplete in many respects.

The number of Group Housing Societies waiting for land is about 1,400. About half of the 3,000-strong engineering force of the DDA has virtually no work to do, the memorandum said. About 50 per cent of the funds meant for construction of houses are being paid as salaries to many who do not work, it has been alleged.

The inefficiency of the organisation and its engineering division...."

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV: Why do you read the statement? You ask your question.

SHRI RANJIT SINGH: I am asking my question. My submission is that the engineers have submitted their memorandum. They are not given any work. So they feel insecure. Yesterday it was announced that Delhi was going to be given statehood in the next eight or ten months. By that time the line of applicants will be so big. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether the Government will be able to construct houses or it will be given to the new State which is going to come up within eight or ten months.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, it is correct that an announcement was made that we were thinking of granting statehood to Delhi. We have not yet decided. This has put our programme in a fix, if I may say so. We will be able to do things only when things are made pucca about statehood. As the hon. Member said, the engineers are not getting enough work in the DDA. Now, with the setting up of the new Board, we think, the DDA would confine itself to the activities of acquisition of land, planned development, enforcement of the master-plan and co-ordination of different activities for housing and urban development. These engineers and the staff of different sections in the department can move easily, after this takes place, to different places and it will depend on them as to where they would like to go and work.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Mr. Chairman, Sir, a two and-a-half line and very sketchy reply to my question by the hon. Minister amounts to a breath of privilege of this House of Parliament. The information which the Ministry officials keep providing to the members of the press is denied to the Members of Parliament. Sir, I have in my hands as many as 10 reports which relate to the issue that was asked in my question. While the officials from the Ministry do not hesitate in providing information to the press... (*Interruptions*)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do you expect her to give all the ten reports in her reply? That would take more than two hours.... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, let him put his question... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Come to the point.

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Sir, I request your judgement to kindly see my question and the answer... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please put your supplementary... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, let him put his question ... (*Interruptions*)...

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: I seek your protection, Sir, because the Minister has not given any information. She has only said that they are considering it. The whole question of accountability of the Ministers to the Parliament is defeated. The very purpose of the Question Hour is defeated when the Minister does not given the required information... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: The question is under consideration ... (*Interruptions*)... Put your supplementary (*Interruptions*)...

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Sir, my question is as to why the Minister has not given any facts in her reply. These facts have already been issued to the press by the officials in the Ministry. I would like to know why these facts have not been mentioned in the answer. If the Minister was not prepared with the decision that was to be taken, she could have at least given her thinking on the subject. This is my first supplementary... (*Interruptions*)....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You will be allowed only one... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, what is his question?... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wanted you to give greater details. That is what he wants... (*Interruptions*)...

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Sir, kindly see my question and the answer that was given... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have seen it and it is alright... (*Interruptions*)...

DR. JINENDRA KUMAR JAIN: Sir, my second question is... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Sir, he can be allowed only one supplementary ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: You are not entitled to a second supplementary ... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHIRMAN: Yes Mr. Jogi.

श्री अजीत जोगी : मान्यवर, मैं आपके माध्यम से मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहूंगा कि दिल्ली में आवास की समस्या के लिए कार्यरत डी०डी०ए० के संगठन और संरचना के संबंध में विचार करने के लिए जो कमेटी मंत्रालय द्वारा बनाई गई थी उसने क्या यह अनुशंसा की थी कि डी०डी०ए० को तीन भागों में विभक्त कर दिया जाय? यदि यह अनुशंसा की गई थी तो उसके संबंध में शासन ने क्या फैसला किया है? मैं स्वार्थवश यह भी जानना चाहूंगा कि या तो आवासहीनों की बात हो रही है, इसलिए क्या मंत्री जी हमें यह बताएंगे कि दिल्ली चूंकि राष्ट्र की राजधानी है और सभी संसद सदस्य यहां रहते हैं और भुतपूर्व हो जाने के बाद भी उनका यहां रहना अनिवार्य होता है, इसलिए क्या संसद् सदस्यों का डी०डी०ए० में रजिस्ट्रेशन में प्राथमिकता दी जाएगी? इसके अलावा संसद् सदस्यों की जो ग्रुप हाउसिंग सोसायटियां बनी हैं उनको क्या प्राथमिकता के आधार पर जमीन का आवंटन किया जाएगा जिससे यह जो बड़ी समस्या है वह हल हो सके?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, it is true that anybody who come to

Delhi is enchanted by the city and wants to remain here... (*Interruptions*)...

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is very good. Don't you want them to remain here? ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Because the standard of living is high here in Delhi, they want to remain here. Not only that; they also want to have everything that is best. There is one shortage which Delhi faces and that is of land. We can import everything but we cannot import land ...(*Interruptions*)... That is our difficulty. Sir, the honourable Member has mentioned about the societies. Four hundred societies are there. Many were there to begin with. But 400 societies are to be entertained by the DDA. But what has happened is that the Supreme Court has stayed the allotment of land to the co-operative societies and this is the problem now. Allotment was made, but it has been stayed. ...(*Interruptions*)... It is coming up on the 11th of December and after that, we will come to a decision.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He says that the Supreme Court has said that you should lay down guidelines. So, how long are you going to take to lay down the guidelines?

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Thank you, Sir.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, actually, the guidelines are there, but there are one or two things that need verification. I will see to it.

SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: What about part (b) of my question about dividing the DDA into three parts?

MR. CHAIRMAN: What about the other part of his supplementary regarding dividing the DDA into three parts?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: As I said, Sir, it has been decided that we have a Slum Improvement Board and the Board for the Economically Weaker Sections.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Jagmohan.

SHRI JAGMOHAN: Sir, the basic issue is not whether the DDA continues its work or another Housing Board is constituted. But the basic problem is the availability of land, of developed land and the infrastructural facilities like water, sewers and transport. I would like the honourable Minister to enlighten us on this and tell us what steps are being taken to make available developed land and also to see that facilities like water supply, sewerage, etc. are also made available in those areas where houses are proposed to be constructed.

I now come to the second part of my question. Earlier, there was a scheme of large-scale acquisition of land which used to meet the future requirements of land and the land was distributed in accordance with the needs of the different sections of the people. What I mean is that some land was reserved for the middle-income group, some for the poor and some for the poorest of the poor, the slum-dwellers. Now, hardly any land is being allotted to the *'jhuggi-jhompri* people. Previously, large areas were developed and given to these people. Now, for the last seven or eight years, practically no land has been given to the poorest of the poor and their housing needs are being neglected. Today, 77 per cent of the population of Delhi is living in highly substandard houses or sub-standard structures. These *jhuggi-jhompri* dwellers are coming and squatting on any land that they come across, whether suitable or not, and there is a heavy congestion because of this. A large number of fire acci-

dents have taken place and valuable lives have been lost, of women and children, and nothing is being done to see that land is acquired for the future needs and allotted in accordance with the needs of the society. Then, some extra money should be marked up from the higher-income groups which should be reinvested for the poor. Otherwise, the Government will not be able to find money from the budgetary provisions, either its own or of the DDA and, so, something has to be done and some money has to be generated from the society itself.

MR. CHAIRMAN: The point is whether the Minister will follow his advice!... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, he has asked whether many facilities will be provided to the new colonies or areas where new construction will be done. For instance, in Dwaraka and Narela, there is shortage of water. My friends are interested in that and I wanted to know the position and I had made inquiries. I am told that there is shortage of water. I have spoken to the honourable Chief Minister of Haryana to provide us water so that we can give water to these areas and that water will be coming through the Jamuna. It is not that these things are not there in my mind. I am thinking of how to cater to the needs of the people because a lot of colonies are coming up. Once these things are done, then things like roads and other facilities will be provided.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Mr. Vithalbhai M. Patel.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Mr. Chairman, Sir, the DDA collected Rs. 96 crores for the Self-Financing Scheme in 1984. Seven years have already passed but no house is yet allotted. They colleced Rs. 20,000 per applicant. And they are not paying any interest. What are they going to do to the members of this Scheme? Where will they go?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, I will have this looked into.

MR. CHAIRMAN: His question is very simple. To those who deposited their money with the DDA, will you pay interest? From 1984 to 1991, in seven years, it would have doubled.

SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: More than doubled, Sir.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: I have to find this out, Sir.

SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Sir, I would like to know one thing from the hon. Minister. The housing construction that is being done in Delhi is only for the affluent people. It is possible only for the affluent people to purchase it. So many poor people are living in and around Delhi. I would like to know from the hon. Minister whether she has any scheme for the low cost housing in Delhi so that the poorer people can be accommodated.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, I have mentioned the low cost housing and other schemes for the very poor.

MR. CHAIRMAN: They are getting Boards for them.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Sir, there are two questions.

MR. CHAIRMAN: You are entitled to only one.

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: All right, Sir, (a) and (b). I wanted to be very brief. Will it not add to the existing mess of multiplicity of authorities dealing with land and housing? That is one. The other question: How does her Ministry read the term 'shortfall'? Does it relate

to the total shoftfall or does it relate to the annual targets that the Ministry might have fixed? If they relate to total shortage, is your Ministry ready to match the pace of growth of population? And if it relates to your annual targets, then what is your annual target?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Sir, we are thinking of bringing in private developers to cover the shortfall that exists now, and the shortfall is not small.

SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: What about some private Ministers?

MR. CHAIRMAN: Why not you appoint yourself as a private Minister?

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT: Which shortfall?

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: Shortfall of the houses. (*Interruptions*)

श्री सिकन्दर बख्त : मैं यह अर्ज कर दूं कि अगर आप ओवर-आल शार्टेज की बात करेंगे तो ग्रोथ आफ पापूलेशन से आप मैच कर ही नहीं सकते हैं लिहाजा एनुअल टारगेट फिक्स कीजिये ।

† [شری شکندر بخت :

میں یہ عرض کردوں کہ اگر آپ اوور آل شارٹیج کی بات کریںگے تو گروتھ آف پاپولیشن سے آپ میچ کر ہی نہیں سکتے ہیں یا لہذا ایکچول ٹارگیٹ فکس کیجئے ۔]

कृषि मंत्री (श्री बलराम जाखड़) : खेती की जमीन कब तक देते रहेंगे आप ?

†[] Transliteration in Aabic Script.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Will you think of annual targets? That is what he wants to know.

SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL: We have this thing here. There is a shortfall. We want to construct 10,000 to 15,000 houses every year.

MR. CHAIRMAN: That is right. Question No. 223.

Shortage of Carbon Steel Scrap

*223. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:†

SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of steel plants in the country have been closed this year due to non-availability of imported carbon steel scrap which is not being imported in adequate quantities;

(b) if so, the reasons for not importing adequate quantity of carbon steel scrap; and

(c) the steps Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) While it is not a fact that a large number of steel plants in the country have been closed this year due to non-availability of imported carbon steel scrap, production in the secondary steel sector is likely to be adversely affected due to shortage of carbon steel melting scrap.

(b) Imports of carbon steel melting scrap through the canalising

*This question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Harvendra Singh Hanspal.